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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

F. John HERRINGTON

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For: RIBBED CORE DUAL WALL STRUCTURES



: Group Art Unit: 3653

: Examiner: John M. JILLIONS

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

[x] No additional fee is required.

[ ] Also attached:

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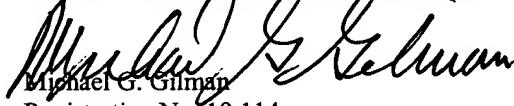
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 8, 2002, kindly amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17 as follows:

Reference will now be made to the drawing, wherein like parts have been given like reference numbers. Referring to Fig. 1, a composite tube 10 according to this invention is made up of an inner tube 12, an outer tube 14 and a plurality of ribs 16 therebetween. Referring to Fig. 2, a modified composite tube 20 of this invention is made up of an inner tube 22, and outer tube 24, a set of "left handed" "off radial" ribs 26 and an alternating set of right handed" "off-radial" ribs 28. Note that the combination of the inner tube, the outer tube and the two sets of ribs forms generally triangular truss cells 29. Referring to Fig. 4, a further modified composite tube 40 of this invention is made up of an inner tube 42, an outer tube 44, and a series